



**Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development  
Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance**

**HomeBASE Program  
Notice 2012-02**

To: HomeBASE Administering Agencies and Subcontractors, EA Shelter Providers  
From: Lizbeth Heyer, Associate Director, Public Housing & Rental Assistance  
Robert Pulster, Associate Director, Division of Housing Stabilization  
Date: July 16, 2012  
RE: UW-7, Universal Waiver of HomeBASE Regulations,  
Eligibility for Program Participation, Noncompliance

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Pursuant to 760 CMR § 65.03, for ease of implementation of the HomeBASE program and to further the fundamental principles of the HomeBASE program, anything to the contrary in 760 CMR Ch. 65 notwithstanding, the provision of 760 CMR § 65.03(2)(b)(2), providing that, with certain exceptions, a family shall be ineligible for STHT (HomeBASE) assistance if it is not in compliance with the requirements of the Emergency Assistance program, including any program shelter rules and re-housing plan requirements, shall be waived in all circumstances, subject to following proviso:

This universal waiver shall apply only provided that, in cases when families who have a pending termination from Emergency Assistance will continue to remain ineligible for the HomeBASE program. If, the termination of EA benefits for a family is overturned by the Department, the family may be eligible and referred to the HomeBASE program.

This universal waiver shall be in effect until further notice by the Department.